

Reducing Perinatal HIV Transmission

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Prevention Project Goals:

1. To build capacity of Ryan White CARE Act Title IV projects to further reduce perinatal HIV transmission; and,
2. To inform public health officials and health care providers about issues related to prevention of perinatal HIV transmission.



Prevention Project Activities:

1. Needs Assessment
2. Information & Resource Sharing
3. Policy Analysis and Dissemination
4. Consumer training



Needs Assessment: Focus Group of Ryan White CARE Act Title IV Project Directors.

Data collected on:

- Barriers at the local level
- Research, collaboration, and gaps at the systems level
- Public policy barriers and the effects of legislation



Needs Assessment: Focus Group of Ryan White CARE Act Title IV Project Directors.

Lessons Learned

Barriers at the local level:

- Stigma
- Misinformation and misunderstanding
- Lack of cultural competency
- Lack of programs targeted to men
- Limited availability of rapid testing
- Lack of specialty care in rural areas



Needs Assessment: Focus Group of Ryan White CARE Act Title IV Project Directors.

Lessons Learned

Research, collaboration and gaps at the systems level:

- Linkage gaps
- Coordination gaps
- Provider training
- Practice guidelines
- Family planning for HIV positive women/couples
- Youth focus
- Women outside the care system



Needs Assessment: Focus Group of Ryan White CARE Act Title IV Project Directors.

Lessons Learned

Public policy barriers and the effects of legislation:

- Policy/Law which drives women from care
- Policy/Law which denies care
- Mandatory managed care enrollment without access to specialists
- Restrictions on access to reproductive health information by youth



Information & Resource Sharing

- Voices 2001: perinatal transmission workshops
- News Alerts
- Consumer education and training



Policy Analysis and Dissemination

- Voices 2001
- News Alerts
- Consumer education and training;
- *Understanding the Debate: Pregnant Women and HIV Counseling and Testing*



Consumer Training: Integration of Perinatal HIV Transmission Into Consumer Corps Leadership Program

Consumer Training Priorities

- Information Exchange/Skills Building
- Outreach to Underserved Populations
- Consumers as Advisors
- HIV Treatment
- HIV Transmission (Perinatal)



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Consumer Training Methods

- Train the Trainer Workshops
- Trainings in the Local Communities by Trainers
- Local/Regional Consumer Trainings



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Evaluation Methods

Community Research Group, Columbia University

- Pre & Post Evaluation
- Participant Observation
- Structured Interviews
- Audiotapes of Workshops
- Evaluation of Local Trainings



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Overall Consumer Training Outcomes, Year 1

- **2,174 Consumers Trained at Local Level by 40 Trainers in Over 40 Cities**
- **Increased Knowledge, Skills & Abilities**
- **Increased Access to Services; Ability to Communicate with Providers**
- **Increased Knowledge of Group Process, Networking and Collaboration**



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Perinatal Transmission Module

- Basic Facts of Perinatal Transmission
- Behaviors Leading to Increased Risk
- Efficacy of Interventions
- CDC Recommendations on HIV Screening of Pregnant Women
- Role Plays

